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Mr. Phil Schwindt
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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ATTACHMENT

Dear Mr. Schwindt:

On July 16, 1981, Ronald Holliday and I inspected the Plexco facility located in Harvey, Louisiana in order to determine its compliance with the Louisiana SIP, and NESHAP requirements for asbestos. The inspectors met with Mr. Murphy Cheramie, plant superintendent.

Plexco coats steel pipe with a plastic material for corrosion prevention utilizing a single process line. Asbestos has reportedly not been used since 1974, although there was no documentation at the plant to verify this.

Asbestos waste was disposed at a site across the street (Peters Road) from Plexco on land currently leased by Intracoastal Trucking, Inc. (ITCO). The appropriate ITCO office was contacted to arrange a tour of the general area identified by Mr. Cheramie as the inactive disposal site. Mr. Emmett Johnson, manager of the Houston terminal and acting manager of the Harvey site, and Mr. Michael Hooper, assistant to the president were contacted. Neither gentleman was aware that an inactive asbestos disposal site was on ITCO's leased property.

The approximate location of the site, as pointed out by Mr. Cheramie of Plexco, is now used for storing large steel pipes which are used in oil well shafts. The area, according to ITCO

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representatives, was covered with several feet of gravel and sand to help support the weight of the steel pipes stored in the area, and to insure against erosion and undermining of the pipe supports. ITCO plans to use the area for storing drilling pipe indefinitely. It is therefore felt by PES that the disposal site is adequately in compliance with the requirements of 40CFR 61.20, subpart B (1)(5)(ii).

Based on this information, Plexco should be removed from the Source Data Report as being a NESHAP source, and Intracoastal Trucking Company should be added.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this material, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh A. Rose".

Hugh A. Rose
Environmental Engineer

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